

Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. B-4340

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic 223 North Howard Street

and/or common Times Square Men's Fashions

**2. Location**

street & number 223 N. Howard Street

☐ not for publication

city, town Baltimore vicinity of congressional district Seventh

state Maryland county Baltimore

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name L.C. Augenstein, Trustee

street & number 15 N. Howard Street

telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD 21201

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse liber

street & number 100 N. Calvert Street, Room 610 folio

city, town Baltimore state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys MD

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Resource Count: 1

This commercial building faces west on N. Howard Street and abuts two partywall structures. The facade has been completely altered. The remodelling is of circa 1960s date. It is only from the back of the building that one can discern that the building was a three-bay, three-story brick structure that could date to the last quarter of the nineteenth century. The street frontage is 24' and the depth is 103'.

The first story is a glass curtain wall. A deeply recessed entry is cut into the middle of the facade. The recessed vestibule is laid with a white aggregate tile. The walls above the display cases are faced with fluted cast concrete. The double glass doors have flanking sidelights and solid panel as the transom. The entrance is flanked by floor-to-ceiling glass display windows. Roll-down theft guards are located over the glass wall. A shallow awning is suspended over the first story. A plastic, boxed sign runs across the facade over the awning.

The upper stories are blank. They have been covered by a checkerboard of imitation granite tiles, seven squares across and eight squares down. Bullnose tiles form the flashing at the buildings corners and cornice line.

The interior is finished with wallboard and acoustic tile ceiling.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** **Builder/Architect** unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This nineteenth-century building has been so completely altered that the original date, and thus its significance, is difficult to determine. The three-bay, three-story, brick elevation (visible from the rear) is typical of third-quarter of the nineteenth-century buildings along Howard Street.

Rather, the building's significance must be seen in terms of what the 20th-century commercial alterations tell about the Howard Street district. The fact that the building was remodelled suggests that it was in a neighborhood with some commercial vitality that would make the effort worth while. At the same time, the commercial nature of the twentieth-century district is clear, this is clearly a commercial and not a residential building. The aluminum cladding is part of the post-World War II commercial aesthetic of inexpensive design.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting NorthingC 

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Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title \_\_\_\_\_

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

street &amp; number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DHCP/DHCD  
100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
301-514-7600

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization:  
Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930  
Modern Period, 1930-present

Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture  
Economics

Resource Type:  
Building

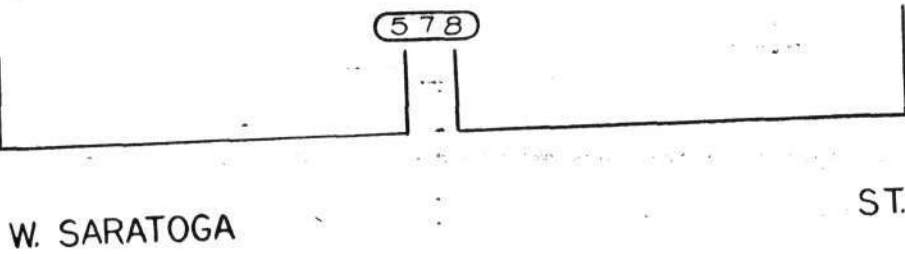
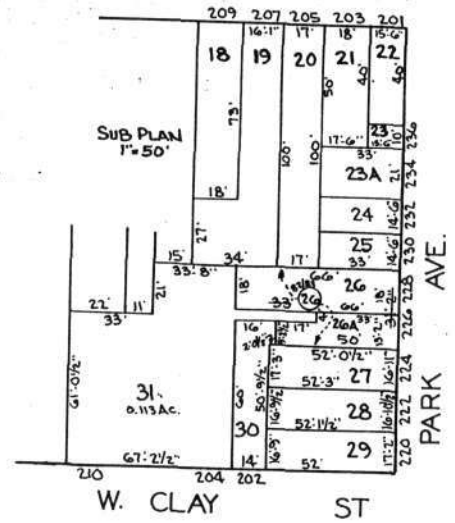
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Urban

Historic Function and Use:  
unclear

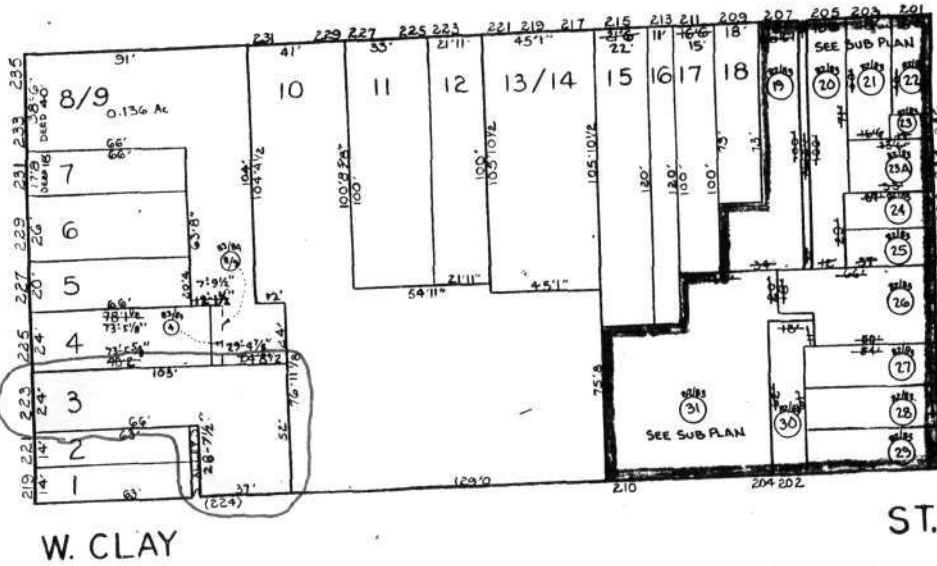
Known Design Source:  
None

## REVISIONS

LOTS 15, 17, 20, & 23A THRU 31 PER DEEDS CH. 54, 83-402 & 83-403  
 LOTS 4, 8/9 CONS D & DIV PER DEED CSH 84-382



N. HOWARD ST.



PARK AVE.

## NOTICE

THIS IS A REAL PROPERTY PLAT AS PROVIDED  
 FOR UNDER ARTICLE 76(d) OF THE CITY CHARTER  
 IT IS COMPILED FROM TITLE AND OTHER  
 SOURCES AND IS NOT AN AUTHENTIC SURVEY.

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION

WARD 4 SECTION 10  
 BLOCK 597

SCALE 1"=50' DATE Nov. 1966

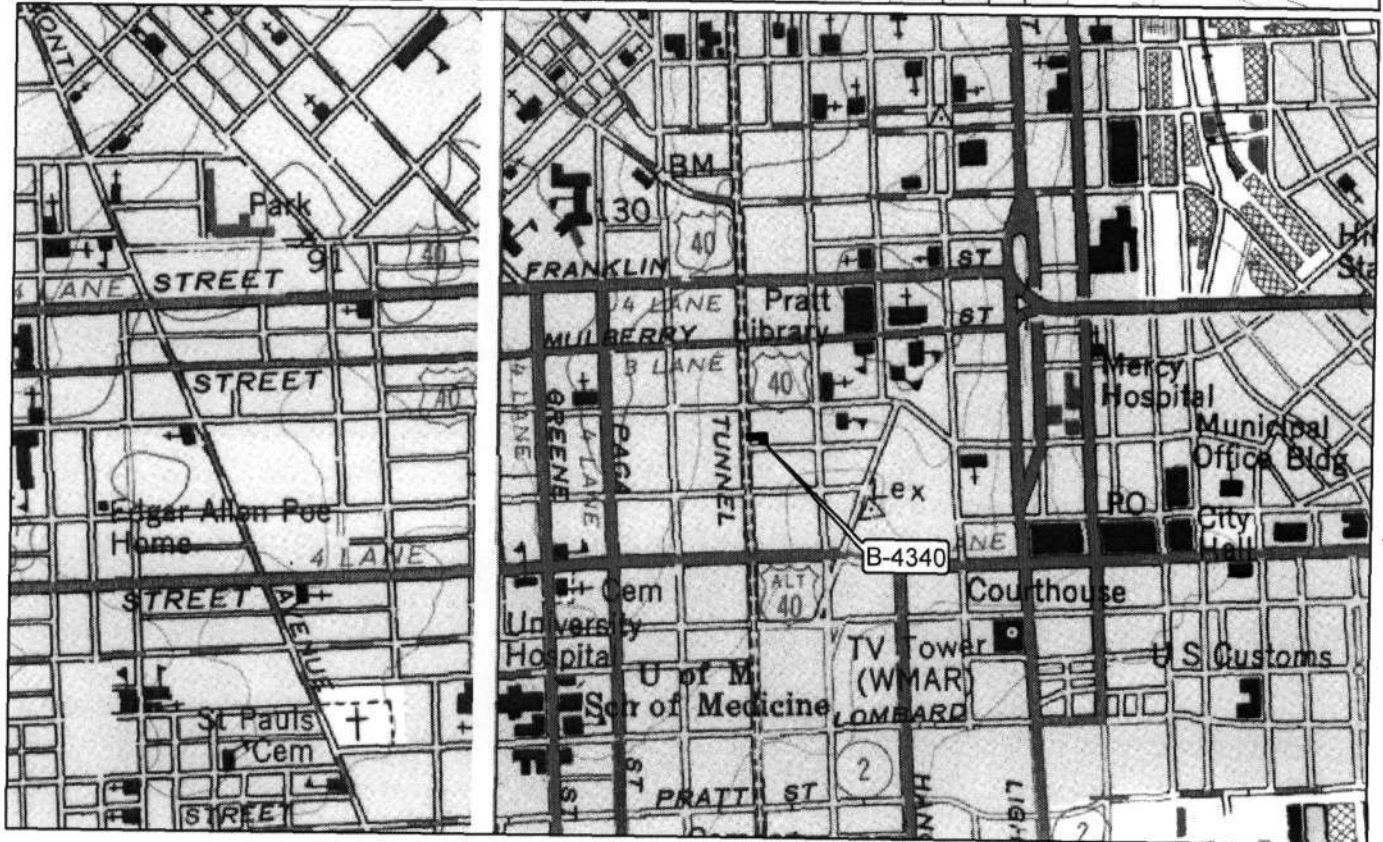
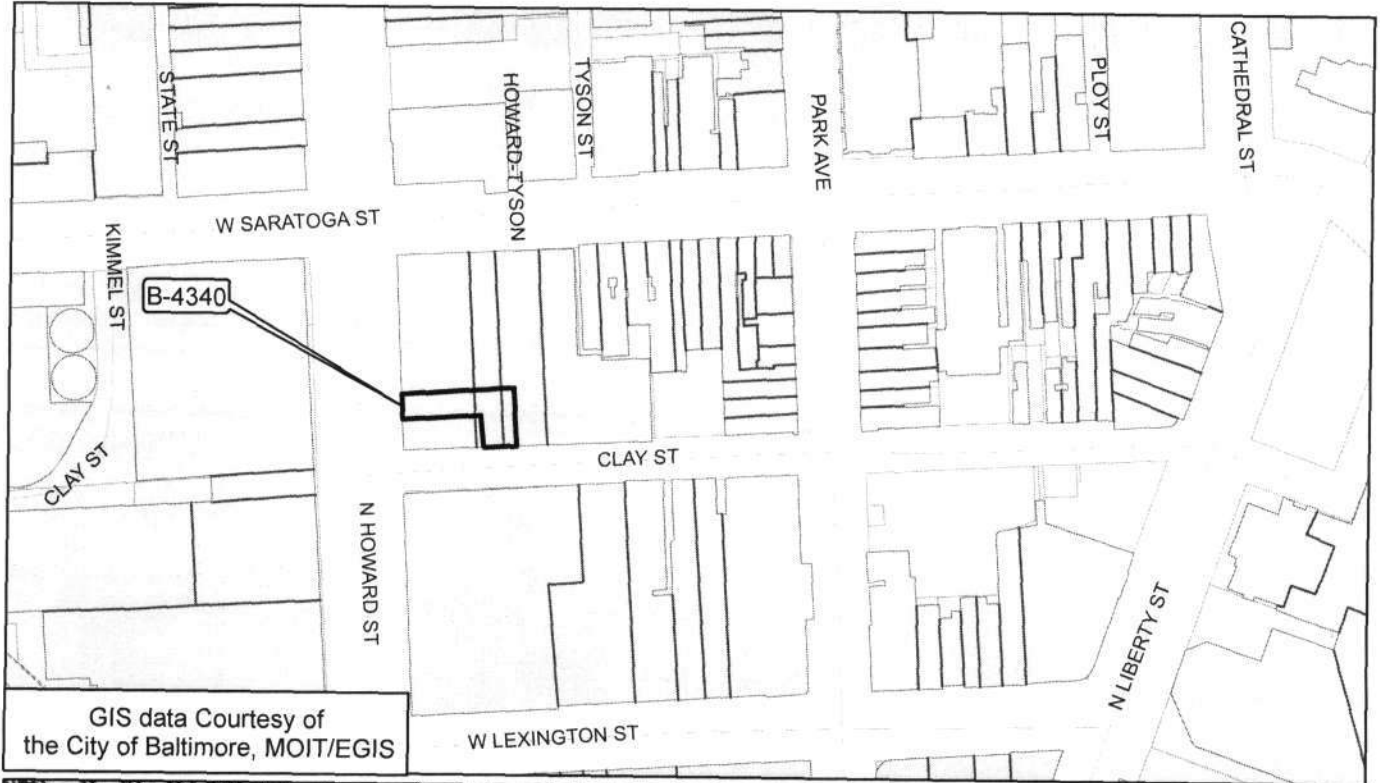
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 Times Square Men's Fashions (Moving Pictures)  
 223 N. Howard Street  
 Block 0597, Lot 003  
 Baltimore City  
 Baltimore East Quad.







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223 N Howard St

Baltimore MD

Diane Shaw

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Maryland SHPO

Facade, west elevation

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